Marked Up Amendments to the Claims:

I Claim:

1. (Amended) A method for determining if proposed modifications to existing ~~planned activities~~ <u>work</u> are supportive of and consistent with an entity's strategic objective, comprising the steps of:

    a. defining the strategic objectives;

    b. prioritizing ~~the~~ said strategic objectives;

    c. selecting <u>one of said strategic objectives to be</u> the primary strategic objective;

    d. selecting and saving a ~~desired target value~~ <u>strategic objective goal chosen by said entity</u> for ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;

    e. <u>listing</u> ~~identifying~~ the possible measures for ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;

    f. selecting <u>one of said possible measures for said primary strategic objective as</u> the primary strategic objective measure;

    ~~g. determining the formula for calculating the said primary strategic objective measure if the said primary strategic objective measure does not already exist and saving the said formula for calculating the said primary strategic objective measure;~~

    <u>g</u>~~h~~. ~~temporarily~~ modify<u>ing</u> ~~the~~ <u>an</u> original databases to assume that the work ~~or activity~~ yet to be completed has been completed over a planning period and saving ~~the~~ <u>said</u> modified databases <u>as a new database</u>;

h~i~. calculate ~the~ a first expected <u>strategic objective</u> results, <u>hereinafter</u>

<u>first expected results,</u> using ~the~ said ~modified~ <u>new</u> databases as

measured by ~the~ said primary strategic objective measure over ~the~

said planning period and saving ~the~ said first expected results;

i~j~. create an interactive <u>database</u> version of ~the~ said original

~unmodified~ databases wherein users are allowed to modify ~the~ said

interactive databases;

j~k~. use ~the~ said modified interactive databases to calculate ~the~ <u>a</u>

second expected <u>strategic objective</u> results, <u>hereinafter second</u>

<u>expected results,</u> caused by ~the~ said interactive database modifications

as measured by ~the~ said primary strategic objective measure for ~the~

said planning period and ~temporarily~ sav<u>ing</u>~e~ ~the~ said second

expected results;

k~l~. compare ~the~ said first expected results with said second expected

results to determine if ~the~ said modifications to ~the~ said interactive

database caused an improvement, a deterioration or was impact

neutral to ~the~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~target value~ and ~temporarily~

sav<u>ing</u> ~the~ said comparison <u>of said first and second expected</u>

<u>results</u> ~result~;

l~m~. save ~the~ said modifications to ~the~ said interactive databases into

~the~ said original databases if ~the~ said second expected results or ~the~

<u>said comparison</u> ~result~ of ~the said comparison between~ ~the~ said first

expected results and ~the~ said second expected results was an

improvement to achieving ~the~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~target~

~value~;

~~m~~n. do not save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~he~~ said comparison result of ~~the~~ said comparison ~~between the~~ of said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target~~ ~~value~~;

~~n~~o. save or not save, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison ~~results~~ of ~~the said comparison~~ ~~between the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected ~~results~~ was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~; and

~~o~~p. periodically save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive database into ~~the~~ said ~~modified~~ new database and into ~~the~~ said interactive database if ~~the~~ said modifications were stored in ~~the~~ said original databases and repeating steps h, i, j, k, l, m, n and o above.

2. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method comprises said entity:

    a. identifying the tradeoffs to ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;

    b. prioritizing ~~the~~ said tradeoffs;

    c. selecting the primary tradeoff from said prioritized tradeoffs;

    d. identifying the possible primary tradeoff measures;

e. selecting a primary tradeoff measure <u>from said possible primary</u> <u>tradeoff measures</u> ~~and saving the formula for calculating the said~~ ~~primary tradeoff measure~~;

f. selecting ~~the~~ <u>an</u> allowable tradeoff threshold limit for ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure and saving said allowable tradeoff threshold limit;

g. calculate the first expected tradeoff results as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure using ~~the~~ said ~~modified~~ <u>new</u> databases and save ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result;

h. calculate the second expected tradeoff results as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure using ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases and save ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result;

i. compare ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result with ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result to determine if the modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases caused an improvement, a deterioration or was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and store ~~the said the result of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result;

j. save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the results~~ ~~of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold

limit;

k. do not save ~~the~~ said modification to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said

second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~

said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit; and

l. save or not save, the choice of saving or not saving to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said

second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said

strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~

said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff

threshold limit.

3. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said method

comprises<u> said entity</u>:

a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said strategic objectives <u>goal</u>

~~target value~~ and saving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;

b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range.

4. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 2 , wherein ~~the~~ said method comprises <u>said entity</u>:

a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and saving ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;

b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

the said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second
expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between
~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected
tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold
range;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases
into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or
~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected
results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to
achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said
second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison
between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second
expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold
range; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be
determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said
interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second
expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said
first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact
neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and
if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the result of the~~ said
comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said
second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said
allowable tradeoff threshold range.

5. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said method comprises said entity:

    a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and saving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;

    b. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold limit and storing ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;

    c. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases in ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected result was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;

    d. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected result was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range; and

e. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be
determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said
interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second
expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said
first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact
neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if
~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said
comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said
second expected tradeoff result were impact neutral to ~~the~~ said
allowable tradeoff threshold range.

6. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method
comprises said entity:

a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~
said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said
user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated
with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective
impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement;

b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into
~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~
~~result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results
and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving
~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ or if the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within

~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by

~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second

expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said

first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact

neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and

if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact

associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user

level.

7. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein said method
comprises said entity:

    a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~
said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said
user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated
with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective
impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an
amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact ~~a~~ said user or said
user level is authorized to implement;

    b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into
~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~
~~result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results
and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving
~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second
expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between
~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected
tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold
limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected
results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between
~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are
within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as
defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the
amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount
or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff

result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said authority

level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a deterioration to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold

limit or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results

or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said

first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not

within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as

defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount

or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff

result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice saving or not saving to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second

expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said

first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact

neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and

if ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable

tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~

said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff

impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said

user level.

8. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein said method

comprises<u> said entity</u>:

 a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~

 said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said

 user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated

 with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective

 impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement~~s~~;

b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if the amount

or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral based

upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~

said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

9. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 4 , wherein said method

<u>comprises said entity</u> ~~includes the steps of~~:

    a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~

said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said

user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated

with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective

impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an

amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact ~~a~~ said user or said

user level is authorized to implement;

    b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into

~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if

the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was within said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result

and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or if

~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if

the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was not within

~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by

~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not

within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as

defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second

expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact

neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff

range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected

results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are

impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective

impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said

user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level.

10. (Amended) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein said method

<u>comprises said entity</u> ~~includes the steps of~~:

a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~ said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement;

b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective range or if ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said

first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff

result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of

~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of

~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and

~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second

expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact

neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable

tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second

expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected

results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic

objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said

user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level.

11. (Amended) A method as in any one of the preceding claims, in which ~~the~~

said modifications to ~~the~~ said original databases are tracked by each said

user, and said improvements and detriments to said strategic objective target

values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to tangibly evaluate said user's

performance and/or used to compensate and/or reward ~~the~~ said user for

supporting ~~the~~ said strategic objective of the company.

12. (Amended) A apparatus for determining if proposed modifications to

existing <u>work</u> ~~planned activities~~ are supportive of and consistent with an

entity's <u>primary</u> strategic objective, wherein said apparatus includes:

a. user interface devices and modules operatively coupled to said

apparatus;

b. a memory that stores databases and computer-readable code;

c. said databases including ~~the~~ an original database~~s~~, ~~modified~~

~~original~~ new database~~s~~, interactive version of ~~the~~ said original

database~~s~~ and modified interactive database~~s~~;

d. a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor

configured to implement said computer-readable code, said code

configured to:

    i. receive, load and store a desired strategic objective goal

    ~~target value~~, chosen by said entity, for said entity's ~~a~~ primary

    strategic objective into ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of

    ~~the~~ said apparatus, said apparatus ~~having~~ containing or having

    access to ~~the~~ said entity's said databases and Management

    Information System (hereinafter MIS);

    ii. receive, load and store ~~the calculation for a~~ said entity's

    primary strategic objective measure for said primary strategic

    objective in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said

    apparatus;

    iii. modify the ~~said~~ existing work ~~planned activities~~ stored in

    said original database and not yet completed to be ~~temporarily~~

    assumed to be completed over a planning period and

    ~~temporarily~~ storeing ~~the~~ said modified existing work ~~activity~~

    that is assumed completed in ~~the said~~ a new ~~modified original~~

databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

iv. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS, over ~~the~~ said planning period using ~~the~~ said <u>new</u> ~~modified original~~ databases <u>and said primary strategic objective measure</u> to calculate ~~the~~ <u>a</u> first expected strategic objective results<u>,hereinafter first expected result,</u> ~~as measured by the said primary strategic objective measure calculation~~ and store ~~the~~ said first expected results in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

v. allow <u>said</u> users to interact with ~~the~~ said interactive database version of ~~the~~ said original databases in order to modify ~~the~~ said interactive databases and store ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases ~~temporarily~~ in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

vi. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS over ~~the~~ said planning period using ~~the~~ said modified interactive <u>databases and said primary strategic objective measure</u> to calculate ~~the~~ <u>a</u> second expected<u> strategic objective</u> results<u>, hereinafter second expected results,</u> ~~as measured by the said primary strategic objective measure calculation~~ and store ~~the~~ said second expected results in said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

vii. compare ~~the~~ said first expected results with ~~the~~ said second expected results to determine if ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~

said modified interactive database when compared to ~~the~~ said

~~modified original~~ new databases resulted in improvements,

deterioration or was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic

objective goal ~~target value~~ and store and/or output ~~of the~~ said

comparison to ~~the~~ said memory, said storage medium and/or

output devices of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

viii. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases by loading and

storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases and/or ~~the~~ said MIS in ~~the~~ said

memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said

second expected results or ~~the results of~~ the said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results indicated improvements over ~~the~~ said first

expected results to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~;

ix. prevent ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus from being over-written

with ~~the~~ said modifications in ~~the~~ said modified interactive

databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~

said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~

said second expected results indicated a deterioration from ~~the~~

said first expected results to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal

~~target value~~; and

x. either over-write or not over-write ~~the~~ said original

databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said

apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first expected results and to ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~.

13. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ said <u>computer- readable</u> code is configured to:

    a. receive, load and store in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus a said entity's primary tradeoff measure <u>chosen by said entity</u>~~calculation~~;

    b. receive, load and store in said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus an allowable tradeoff threshold limit <u>chosen by said entity</u>;

    c. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS, to calculate the first expected tradeoff result~~,~~ <u>by</u> using ~~the~~ said <u>new</u> ~~modified original~~ databases for ~~the~~ said planning period~~, as measured by the~~ <u>and</u> said primary tradeoff measure ~~calculation~~, and load and store in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result;

    d. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS, to calculate the second expected tradeoff result, using ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases for ~~the~~ said planning period~~, as measured by the~~ <u>and</u> said primary tradeoff measure ~~calculation~~, and load and store in

~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result;

e. compare ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result with ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result to determine the tradeoff impact ~~the~~ said

modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases had on ~~the~~ said first

expected tradeoff result and load and store ~~the~~ said tradeoff impact

into ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

f. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage

medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results~~

~~of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~

said second expected results indicated improvements over ~~the~~ said

first expected results to achieving the strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target~~

~~value~~ and if ~~the~~ said tradeoff impact or ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result does not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold

limit;

g. prevent ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases from

over-writing ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage

medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said second expected results ~~or the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results indicated deterioration from ~~the~~

said first expected results to ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target~~

~~value~~ or if ~~the~~ said tradeoff impact or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff

result violates ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit; and

h. over-write or not over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said

memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus, the choice of over-

writing or not over-writing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, with

~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases if ~~the~~

said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected

results are impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first expected results and to ~~the~~

said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said tradeoff

impact or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to

~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit.

14. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ said

<u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

a. receive, load and store preset allowable ranges<u>, as determined by</u>

<u>said entity,</u> for ~~the~~ said strategic objectives <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ in ~~the~~

said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus that contains or

has access to ~~the~~ said databases and said MIS;

b. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to

~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective range<u> as determined by said entity</u>;

c. prevent ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

from over-writing ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said second expected

results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of

~~the~~ said strategic objective measure allowable range; and

d. over-write or not over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said

memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus, the choice of over-

writing or not over-writing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, with

~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said

second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was

impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective allowable range.

15. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein ~~the~~ said

<u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

a. receive, load and store preset ranges<u>, as determined by said entity,</u>

for ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

b. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to

~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results indicated improvements over ~~the~~

said first expected results and to ~~the~~ said strategic objective target

value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of~~

~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and

the said second expected tradeoff result did not violate the said

allowable tradeoff threshold range;

c. prevent the said modifications to the said interactive databases

from over-writing the said original databases in the said memory or

storage medium of the said apparatus if the said second expected

results or the results of the said comparison between the said first

expected results and the said second expected results indicated

deterioration to the said first expected results and to the said strategic

objective goal target value or if the said second expected tradeoff

results or the result of the said comparison between the said first

expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result

violates the said allowable tradeoff threshold range; and

d. over-write or not over-write the said original databases in the said

memory or storage medium of the said apparatus, the choice of over-

writing or not over-writing to be determined by the said entity, with

the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said

second expected results or the results of the said comparison between

the said first expected results and the said second expected results are

impact neutral to the said first expected results and to the said

strategic objective goal target value and if the said second tradeoff

results or the result of the said comparison between the said first

expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result

were impact neutral to the said allowable tradeoff threshold range.

16. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein said <u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

    a. receive, load and store preset ranges<u>, as determined by said entity,</u> for ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus that contains or has access to <u>said</u> ~~the~~ entity's said databases and said MIS;

    b. receive, load and store preset ranges<u>, as determined by said entity,</u> for ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

    c. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result ~~or the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold measure range;

    d. preventing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases from over-writing ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between

the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected

tradeoff result violated the said tradeoff threshold measure range; and

e. over-write or not over-write the said original databases in the said

memory or storage medium of the said apparatus, the choice of over-

writing or not over-writing to be determined by the said entity, with

the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said

second expected results or the result of the said comparison between

the said first expected results and the said second expected results was

impact neutral to the said allowable strategic objective range and if

the said second expected tradeoff results or the result of the said

comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said

second expected tradeoff result were impact neutral to the said

allowable tradeoff threshold range.

17. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the said code is

configured to:

a. receive, load and store differing users and/or user levels for the

said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said

user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated

with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective

impact that a said user or said user level is authorized to implement;

b. store the said modifications to the said interactive databases into

the said original databases if the said second expected result or the

result of the said comparison between the said first expected results

and the said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

the said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or the ~~result of the said~~ comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact

associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user

level.

18. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein said <u>computer-</u>
<u>readable</u> code is configured to:

a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount

or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective

measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure,

that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~

said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases

with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~

said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as

compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable

impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary

tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are

authorized to direct said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~

said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases

based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level,

and based upon ~~the~~ said amount of allowable impact associated with

~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either the second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into

~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold

limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected

results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are

within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as

defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount

or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff

result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said authority

level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a deterioration to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice storing or not storing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~

said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff

impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said

user level.

19. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein said <u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount

or magnitude of allowable impact, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary

strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels,

are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write

~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive

databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said

user level, and ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said

authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results

or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~

said second expected results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into

~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or

said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective

impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or

~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective range or if the amount or magnitude of

~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~

said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said

second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~

said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic

objective impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said

interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second

expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said

first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

20. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 15, wherein said <u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

    a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are authorized to direct said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said amount of allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either the second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into

~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between

~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if

the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was within said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result

and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases

into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or if

~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to

achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison
between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second
expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if
the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the
amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first
expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was not within
~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by
~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected
tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not
within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as
defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be
determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said
interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second
expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first
expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact
neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said
second expected tradeoff result or the result of ~~the~~ said comparison
between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second
expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff
range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected
results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between
~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are

impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective

impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said

user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected

tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level.

21. (Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein said <u>computer-readable</u> code is configured to:

    a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount

or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective

measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure,

that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~

said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases

with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~

said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as

compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable

impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary

tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are

authorized to direct said <u>computer-readable</u> code to over-write ~~the~~

said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases

based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level,

and based upon ~~the~~ said amount of allowable impact associated with

~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either the second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into

~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~

~~results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results

and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff

result or the result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first

expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result

did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or

magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude

of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result

and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said

authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases
into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or
~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected
results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said
allowable strategic objective range or if ~~the~~ said second expected
tradeoff result or the result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said
first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff
result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or
magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected
results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said
authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said
allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of
~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of
~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and
~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said
authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said
allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be
determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said
interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second
expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first
expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact
neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said
second expected tradeoff result or the result of ~~the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second

expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable

tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second

expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected

results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic

objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said

user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said

comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said

allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of

~~the~~ said user or said user level.

22.(Amended) An apparatus as in one of claims 12 through 21 in which ~~the~~

said code is configured to track ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said original

databases by each said user and said improvements and detriments to said

strategic objective target values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to

tangibly evaluate said user's performance and/or used to compensate and/or

reward ~~the~~ said user for supporting ~~the~~ said strategic objective of ~~the~~ <u>said</u>

entity.

23. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable

medium <u>encoded with a computer program </u>for comparing a forecast of <u>a</u>

<u>first </u>~~the~~ expected <u>strategic objective </u>results ~~caused by the~~ <u>using an </u>existing

database of work in a planning period ~~planned activities~~ and a forecast of ~~the~~

a second expected strategic objective results of any planned changes to ~~the~~

said existing database of work in said planning period, ~~planned activities~~

said first and second results being calculated in terms of a strategic objective

measure and/or goal for a primary strategic objective in order to determine if

~~the~~ said planned changes are supportive of and consistent with an entity's

primary strategic objective, comprising a data structure instantiating code

segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a ~~desired target value for the said~~ primary strategic objective;

b. a ~~formula for calculating~~ ~~the said~~ strategic objective measure

and/or goal;

c. said ~~an~~ existing ~~original~~ database of work, a new ~~modified original~~

database of work containing work ~~data~~ assumed completed over said

~~the upcoming~~ planning period, an interactive database version of ~~the~~

said original database and a modified interactive database that

contains ~~the~~ said planned changes to said ~~the~~ original database and ~~the~~

~~data in~~ ~~the~~ said modified interactive database is assumed completed

over ~~the~~ said planning period;

d. said first expected strategic objective results, hereinafter first

expected results, calculated from ~~the said formula for the~~ said

strategic objective measure and/or goal and ~~as determined~~ from ~~the~~

said new ~~modified original~~ database ~~that contains the said existing~~

~~planned activities~~ over ~~the~~ said planning period;

e. a second expected strategic objective results, hereinafter second

expected results, calculated from ~~the said formula for~~ ~~the~~ said

strategic objective measure <u>and/or goal and</u> ~~as determined~~ from ~~the~~ said modified interactive database ~~that contains the said planned changes to the said existing planned activities~~ over ~~the~~ said planning period;

f. a difference between ~~the~~ said first expected <u>strategic objective</u> results and ~~the~~ said second expected results; and

g. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said original database ~~of the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u> ~~planned changes to the said existing~~ planned ~~activities~~ in ~~the~~ said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said second expected result is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~.

24. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said forecasts comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a tradeoff threshold measure;

b. a tradeoff threshold limit;

c. a first expected tradeoff result as determined from ~~the~~ said <u>new</u> ~~original~~ database ~~that contains the said existing planned activities~~;

d. a second expected tradeoff result as determined from ~~the~~ said modified <u>interactive</u> databases ~~that contains the said planned changes to the said existing~~ planned activities;

e. a difference between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result; and

f. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases ~~of the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u> ~~changed existing planned activities~~ in ~~the~~ said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ or if ~~the~~ said second expected result is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or ~~the~~ said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results are positive or if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result does not violate ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold limit.

25. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a range of acceptable strategic objective measures <u>and/or goal as determined by said entity</u>; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> ~~databases of the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u>

~~planned changes to the said existing planned activities~~ in ~~the~~ said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable strategic measures <u>and/or goal</u> or if ~~the~~ said second expected result is are within ~~the~~ said range of the acceptable strategic measures.

26. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

    a. a range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures <u>as determined by an entity</u>; and

    b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases ~~of the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u> changed ~~existing planned activities~~ in ~~the~~ said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure <u>and/or goal</u> or if ~~the~~ said second expected result is an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or ~~the~~ said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures.

27. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as recited in claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

    a. a range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures <u>as determined by and entity</u>;

    b. a range of acceptable strategic objective measures <u>and or goal as determined by an entity</u>; and

    c. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases of ~~the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u> ~~planned changes to the said existing planned activities~~ in ~~the~~ said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said second expected result is within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable strategic objective measures <u>and/or goal</u> and if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result are within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures.

28. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

    a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude

of allowable strategic impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is

authorized to implement; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases ~~of the said~~

~~existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u>

~~planned changes to the said existing planned activities~~ in ~~the~~ said

memory if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said differences

between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected

results are an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure

and/or ~~the~~ said <u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said amount or magnitude

of change to the strategic objective measure <u>and/or goal</u> is within ~~the~~

said user's authority level.

29. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable

medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 24, wherein

~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that

establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said

authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude

of allowable strategic impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is

authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff

threshold measure impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level has the

authority to implement; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases ~~of the said~~

~~existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said changes to ~~the~~ said <u>modified</u>

<u>interactive database</u> ~~existing planned activities~~ if the impact of ~~the~~

said changes are within ~~the~~ said user's authority level and ~~the~~ said

second expected results or ~~the~~ said difference between ~~the~~ said first

expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are an

improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or ~~the~~ said

<u>goal</u> ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first

expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results

or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result does not violate ~~the~~ said

tradeoff threshold limit.

30. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable

medium <u>encoded with a computer program</u> as recited in claim 25, wherein

~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that

establishes a storage record in memory having;

    a. user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said

    authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude

    of allowable strategic impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is

    authorized to implement; and

    b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said <u>original</u> databases ~~of the said~~

    ~~existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said <u>modified interactive database</u>

    ~~planned changes to the said existing planned activities~~ if ~~the~~ said

    changes are within ~~the~~ said user's authority level and if ~~the~~ said

    second expected result or ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first

    expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results fall within ~~the~~

    said allowable strategic objective ranges.

31. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium _encoded with a computer program_ as recited in claim 26, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

    a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff threshold measure impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level has the authority to implement; and

    b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said _original_ databases ~~of the said existing planned activities~~ with ~~the~~ said _modified interactive database_ ~~planned changes to the said existing~~ _planned activities_ if ~~the~~ said changes are within ~~the~~ said user's authority level and if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or ~~the~~ said _goal_ ~~target value~~ and if ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure or ~~the~~ said difference between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff measure and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff measure falls within ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold ranges.

32. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a~~ computer-readable medium _encoded with a computer program_ as recited in claim 27, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff threshold measure impact ~~a~~ said user or said user level has the authority to implement; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the~~ said original databases ~~of the said existing planned activities the~~ with said modified interactive database ~~changes to the said existing planned activities~~ if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results fall within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective ranges and if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result falls within ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold ranges.

33. (Amended) A ~~computer program embodied in a~~ computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as in one of claims 23 through 32 wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said original databases associated by each said user, and said improvements and detriments to said strategic objective target values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to tangibly evaluate said user's performance and/or used to compensate and/or reward ~~the~~ said user for supporting ~~the~~ said strategic objective of ~~the~~ said entity.

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